

REMARKS

The Office Action rejected claims 1-15 as being unpatentable over claims 1-24 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,596,181. Claims 1-15 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 (f). Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are requested.

Enclosed herewith please find:

- 1. A terminal disclaimer; and
- 2. A petition to correct inventorship with enclosures.

The enclosed documents are believed to render the rejections moot. Applicants note with appreciation the recognition of allowable subject matter in this case.

Enclosed herewith is a petition for a one month extension of time.

All of the remarks in the Office Action have been addressed, all claims now pending are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. In this regard, the references that were cited but not relied upon have been considered and are believed to be no more pertinent than that relied upon by Examiner.

It is believed that no fees are required in filing this Response. Please charge the fee for the terminal disclaimer as well as the fee for the petition for a one month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-2546. The Examiner is asked to kindly contact the undersigned by telephone should any outstanding issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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